

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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COMPLETION OF WORK ON NH-2
Khan Shri Sunil

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the construction work on NH-2 from Barrakar to Bally and the entire stretch of Pangarh Bazar has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which the construction work on the said stretch is likely to be completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a)&(b) Four laning of the stretch from Barrakar (km 441.44) to Dankuni (km 649.027) have been completed except a length of 4.867 km at Panagarh Market area which is two laned. A bypass to the Panagarh Market has been proposed to be constructed for which Detailed Project Report (DPR) is under preparation.

(c) Construction of Panagarh bypass could not be completed because a portion of proposed bypass was passing through Air Force land. The Air Force Authorities objected due to its proximity to Panagarh Air Base Station and requirement of minimum clearance for Air Traffic Control. Various alternative alignments were proposed and after discussion, Ministry of Defence has conveyed No Objection Certificate (NOC) for an agreed alignment during December 2006. Pursuant to receipt of NOC, the preparation of DPR is in progress.

(d) Considering all aspects viz. finalisation of DPR, land acquisition etc; it is expected that the construction to Panagarh Bypass may be completed by the year 2009. Also Barrakar to Bally stretch is to be widened to six lanes under NHDP Phase V, which is scheduled for completion by 2012.